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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Col. 12, line 28, claim 9: "jack," should read --jack;--

Col. 18, line 25: Insert omitted claims 67-77 as follows:

- 67. A patching device comprising:  
a chassis having a front side and a back side, the front side defining a front opening;  
a plurality of modules mountable to the chassis such that each individual module of the plurality can be mounted independent of the other modules by insertion of the independent module through a front opening in the chassis, each of the modules including:  
a) first and second patch plug ports;  
b) circuitry having first and second spring assemblies, each of the first and second spring assemblies including a tip spring, a normal spring corresponding to the tip spring, a ring spring, and a normal spring corresponding to the ring spring, the first spring assembly being accessible through the first patch plug port and the second spring assembly being accessible through the second patch plug port; and  
c) a switch device for changing the circuitry between a no normal configuration, a full normal configuration, and a half normal configuration.
68. The patching device of claim 67, wherein the switch device includes a plurality of switches.
69. The patching device of claim 68, wherein the switches are DIP switches.
70. The patching device of claim 67, wherein each of the modules is removeably mountable to the chassis.
71. The patching device of claim 70, further comprising fasteners for removeably mounting the modules to the chassis.
72. The patching device of claim 70, wherein the switch device is part of the module so as to be removeable from the chassis with the module.

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73. A patching device comprising:  
a chassis;  
a module mountable to the chassis, the module including:  
a) a dielectric body defining a front face;  
b) first and second patch plug ports formed in the front face of the dielectric body;  
c) first and second spring assemblies supported by the dielectric body, each of the first and second spring assemblies including a tip spring, a normal spring corresponding to the tip spring, a ring spring, and a normal spring corresponding to the ring spring, the first spring assembly being accessible through the first patch plug port and the second spring assembly being accessible through the second patch plug port; and  
d) a switch device for changing the circuitry between a no normal configuration, a full normal configuration, and a half normal configuration, the switch device being supported by the dielectric body.
74. The patching device of claim 73, further include flanges configured to receive fasteners to removeably mount the module to the chassis.
75. The patching device of claim 74, wherein the flanges include upper and lower flanges located adjacent the front face of the dielectric body.
76. The patching device of claim 73, wherein the chassis has a front side and a back side, the module being mountable to the front side of the chassis.

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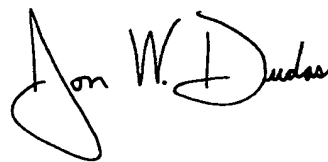
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77. A patching device comprising:  
a chassis having a front side and a back side;  
a module mountable to the chassis, the module including:  
a) a dielectric body defining a front face;  
b) upper and lower mounting extensions located at opposite ends of the front face of the dielectric body, the upper and lower mounting extensions including mounting holes for receipt of fasteners for mounting the module to chassis holes formed in the chassis, the chassis holes being located at the front side of the chassis;  
c) first and second patch plug ports formed in the front face of the dielectric body;  
d) first and second spring assemblies carried by the dielectric body, each of the first and second spring assemblies including a tip spring, a normal spring corresponding to the tip spring, a ring spring, and a normal spring corresponding to the ring spring, the first spring assembly being accessible through the first patch plug port and the second spring assembly being accessible through the second patch plug port; and  
e) a switch device for changing the circuitry between a no normal configuration, a full normal configuration, and a half normal configuration, the switch device being carried by the dielectric body.--

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